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ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE

YEAR 1965.

Cwmamman Urban District Council,
Council Offices,
8, Station Road,
Glanamman,
Ammanford,
Carmar.
Carmar.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area of District 756 acres.

The Registrar General's Estimate
of Resident Population for 1965. 4,200.

Number of Council Flats
completed during the year 0.

Number of Inhabited Houses
according to Rate Book. 1,484

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1965.

To the Chairman and Members of the CWMAMMAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to present my fourteenth annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population remained at 4,200. It was another good year for public health in the area. There were no epidemics during the year, and only a few cases of infectious diseases were notified. There were no new cases of tuberculosis.

The second part of the report has been prepared by Mr. J. I. Rees, the Public Health Inspector and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking him and other members of the Staff and the Council for their support and interest in the work of the Health Department.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

GWLADYS M. HERBERT.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

There was a decrease in the number of births this year, 52 compared with 78 last year, making the birth rate lower than the County rate.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL.
Legitimate	27	24	51
Illegitimate.	1	0	1
TOTAL	28	24	52

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population:-

Cwmamman Urban District.

Legitimate Birth Rate. 12.14,
Illegitimate " " 0.24 12.38

Carmarthenshire. 14.17
England and Wales. 18.1.

Illegitimate Live Births percentage of total live births:-

Cwmamman 1.92
Carmarthenshire. 4.29

STILL BIRTHS.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL.
Legitimate.	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL.	1	1	2

The Still Birth rate per 1,000 total births:-

For Cwmamman Urban District 38.46
For Carmarthenshire. 17.10
For England and Wales. 15.8

MATERNAL MORALITY

This year there were no maternal death resulting from pregnancy or childbirth.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthen - shire	England & Wales.
No. of deaths.	0	0	0 -
Rate per 1,000 total births.	0.0	0.0	-

INFANT DEATHS.

There were no infant deaths this year.

Death Rates per 1,000 live births.	Cwmaman U.D.	Carmarthen - shire.	England & Wales.
Early Neonatal deaths under 1 wk.	0.0	13.58	-
Neonatal deaths under 4 wks.	0.0	16.12	13.0
Infant Deaths under 1 year.	0.0	22.49	19.0. (Wales-20.0)
Perinatal Morality Still births and Infant Deaths under 1 week.	19.23	30.44	26.9

DEATHS - ALL AGES.

There were 56 deaths during the year compared with 67 last year. 62% of the males and 83% of the females were 65 years and over, 34% of the males and 57% of the females were 75 years or over on the date of death.

Male	...	...	...	...	...	32
Females	.	...	...	...	...	24
						<u>56.</u>

PNEUMOCONIOSIS.

This was a contributory cause of death in 4 males whose ages varied from 58 to 79 years.

Death Rates - per 1,000 estimated population.

Cwmaman Urban District	13.33
Carmarthenshire.	13.66
England and Wales.	11.5

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM EACH DISEASE AND RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION. DISEASE.	MALE	FEMALE	RATE.
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	0	0	0.0
Tuberculosis - nonrespiratory.	1	0	0.24
Diphtheria.	0	0	0.0
Cancer.	4	5	2.14
Leukaemia.	1	1	0.48
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	1	5	1.43
Coronary Disease.	8	6	3.33
Hypertension with heart disease.	1	2	0.71
Other heart diseases.	2	2	0.95
Influenza	0	0	0.0
Pneumonia.	0	0	0.0
Bronchitis.	3	0	0.71
Other Respiratory diseases.	6	0	1.43
Pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.	0	0	0.0
Motor Accident.	3	0	0.71
All other accidents.	1	1	0.48
Other ill-defined diseases.	1	2	0.71
ALL CAUSES.	32	24	13.33

DEATHS FROM CANCER.

There were 9 deaths from Cancer compared with 12 during the previous year - 4 males and 5 females.

AGES AND SITES.

SITES.	AGES.					
	35-45 M - F	45-55 M - F	55-65 M - F	65-75 M - F	75-over M - F	Total. M - F
Stomach			1		2	3
Colon.				1	1	2
Breast.	1		1			2
Lung, Bronchus.					1	1
Other Sites.			1			1
						4 5

Males - 4. Female - 5. Total 9.

Cancer Death Rate.

Cwmamman - 2.14.

Carmarthenshire - 2.25. England & Wales -2.2

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

Twenty one cases were notified during the year. 14 cases of measles, one of dysentry, and four of acute pneumonia and two puerperal pyrexia.

DISEASE.	Notification Received.			
	Cwmamman 1964	Carms. 1964	Cwmamman. 1965	Carms. 1965
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1		2	67
Whooping cough.	0	108	0	43
Measles.	6	844	14	623
Scarlet Fever.	0	28	0	11
Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0	0
Dysentry.	10	110	1	51
Food poisoning.	0	1	0	6
Acute Pneumonia.	1		4	51
Total.	18.	-	21	-

FOOD POISONING.

No cases were notified in the area during the year.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

For at least 18 years no diptheria has occurred in the area and no case was notified in the County, but a few cases are notified in the Country each year. This should be a warning to parents that the disease could recur in this district if a high level of immunity is not maintained. They should therefore, ensure that their own children are protected by obtaining the necessary inoculations from their family doctor or at the Infant Welfare Clinic, which is held on alternate Wednesdays at Bethesda Chapel Vestry from 2 - 4 p.m.

During the year most children received combined inoculations to protect against the three diseases - diptheria, whooping cough and tetanus. The numbers inoculated in the district were:-

	Under 5 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	Boosters.
Diptheria only	-	-	-
Whooping cough only.	-	-	-
Tetanus only.	-	-	-
Combined Whooping cough, Diptheria and tetanus.	51	-	9
Diphtheria and Tetanus.	-	-	4
Quadruple Vaccine.	-	1	-

POLIOMYELITIS.

Vaccination with Oral Vaccine (Sabin) was given during the year. Similar age groups were vaccinated and only figures for the whole County are available. The total numbers vaccinated were:-

	Number received 3 doses of oral vaccine.
Children born in 1965	161
Children born in 1964	1,006
Children born in 1963	234
Children " " 1962	137
Children born in 1958-61.	325
Others - under 16.	97.
Number of persons given a re-informing dose of oral vaccine.	44.

SMALLPOX.

Vaccinations against Smallpox were performed by the Local Medical Practitioners and at our Infant Welfare Clinic. Separate figures for the area are not available but the total for the County are:-

Age at date of vaccination.	Number Vaccinated.	Number Revaccinated.
Under 1.	162	-
1	554	-
2 - 4	142	23
5 - 14	7	46
15 or over	18	253

B.C.G. VACCINATION.

Separate figures for the area are not available. The figures for the whole county are:-

Contact Scheme.

Skin Tested.	239
Found Negative.	149
Vaccinated.	137

School Children.

Skin Tested.	1,127
Found Negative.	925
Vaccinated.	925

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Unit was stationed in Cwmamman during July, 1965 and 193 persons, 106 males and 87 females were examined. Thirty seven of these or 19.17% were found to be abnormal, 28 : males and 9 females, but only two, a male and a female required further observation. Sixteen of the men examined or 15% had some degree of pneumoconiosis.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No new cases were notified during the year, and there was only one male death from the non-respiratory form of the disease.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No Court action was taken during the year, but an elderly woman was kept under observation.

FACTORY ACT.

INSPECTIONS - for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

PREMISES. 1.	No, on Register. 2.	Number of		
		Inspections. 3.	Written. Notices. 4.	Occupiers Prosecuted. 5.
Factories in which Sect. 1,2,3,4, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	11.	10.	NIL.	NIL.
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 was enforced by the Authority.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Authority.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL.	11	10	NIL	NIL

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply of water in the district was, throughout the year, plentiful as, when the local sources of supply, Glyndraenog and Cwmpedol did not yield sufficient, the deficiency was supplied by the Loughor Joint Water Board, a bulk supply arrangement being in operation. The chlorination plant has worked satisfactory, frequent samples being sent for bacteriological examination so as to safeguard the health of consumers. Samples are submitted regularly for chemical analysis, and results are uniformly good.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The sewers have worked satisfactorily throughout the year. The system is by gravitation to disposal works at Garnswllt, which works are under the control of the Amman Valley Joint Sewerage Board. There is no question but that the sewers are sufficiently large to deal adequately with the needs of the district. The new sewage disposal works of the Amman Valley Joint Sewerage Board is working satisfactorily.

RIVER POLLUTION.

No particular cases of pollution have been observed during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANING - Dry Refuse.

The Council undertake the removal of all dry refuse, collection being made by the Council lorry twice weekly from all parts of the district. The refuse when collected, is tipped at rough land at Gellifawnen Farm site. In my opinion, steps should be taken to enforce the provision of proper dustbins by householders, as all kinds of insanitary receptacles are now used. It has always been the exception to see a proper covered dustbin in the street of the district, all kinds of bins, tins and buckets, being used for this purpose. Under Section 75 of the Health Act 1936 the provision of a proper covered dustbin can be enforced.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF AREA.

Number of Inspections made for Nuisance	142
Number of Informal Notices served	22
Number of Statutory Notices served	Nil.
Number of Water Leakage Inspections.....	165
Number of water leakage notices	43

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Number of council houses found to be infested	Nil.
Number of other houses found to be infested	Nil.
Number of houses disinfected	Nil.

SPECIAL CLASSES OF PREMISES SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

There are no common lodging houses in the area, nor are there any registered houses let in lodgings.

HOUSING.

1. (a) Inspections of houses during the year:-
Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Act 86
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 98
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 2
3. Number of houses found to be not in all respects for for human habitation 15

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by Local Authority of their Officers 8

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied NIL.
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were made fit for service of formal notice NIL.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 15
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice 12

(c) Proceedings under Section 17,18,23 and 24 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made NIL.

HOUSING ACT, 1957 - Part IV Overcrowding.

- (a) 1. Number of houses overcrowded at the end of the year 7
2. Number of families dwelling therein 12
3. Number of persons dwelling therein 30
4. Number of houses occupied for the first time in 1965 NIL.
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year NIL
- (c) 1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL
2. Number of families dwelling therein NIL.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are no licenced slaughterhouses in the area, all the meat being purchased on the wholesale market. The quality is uniformly good, frequent inspections being made to ensure that all meat sold in the area is free from disease and wholesome.

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of bakehouses in the area registered 2
Number of inspections made 14

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Number of houses fumigated after causes of
infectious diseases NIL.

CONTROL OF MICE AND RATS.

Work has continued on the control of the rat population, the added powers given to local authorities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts being of particular value.

Large numbers of rats are destroyed by following up complaints received from householders.

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTIONS.

<u>Nature of Trade;</u>		<u>No. of inspections.</u>
Butchers shops.	5	28
Groceries and provisions.	9	31
General Shops.	14	46
Milk retailers.	3	10
Ice Cream Premises.	7	32
Cooked Meat.	4	Included in above.

In all cases the occupiers have made every effort to comply with all requests made by the Public Health Inspector; structually all premises are in good condition, and they are kept in a clean and wholesome condition.

The products exposed for sale are uniformly of high quality and will bear comparison with goods displayed in other districts.

All in all the postion as regards food premises can be said to be quite satisfactory.

